

Assembly Bill No. 3345

CHAPTER 991

An act to add and repeal Section 42003 of the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3345, Bustamante. Agricultural waste and forest waste.

Existing law, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, regulates the management and handling of solid waste and is administered by the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

This bill would require the board to conduct, by December 31, 1998, a feasibility study on expanding the use of agricultural waste and forest waste in the production of commercial products, as prescribed. The board would be required to transmit the study to the Governor and to the Legislature. The provisions of the bill would be repealed as of January 1, 2000, unless a later enacted statute deletes or extends that date.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 42003 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

42003. (a) The board shall, on or before December 31, 1998, conduct a feasibility study, in consultation with affected state agencies, on expanding the use of agricultural waste and forest waste in the production of commercial products. The study shall be transmitted to the Governor and to the Legislature pursuant to Section 11095 of the Government Code. The study shall include the following components:

(1) Based on consultation by the board with appropriate state and local regulatory agencies, an analysis of the kinds of technologies that are available and the commercial products that could be reasonably manufactured.

(2) An analysis, to the extent that information is available, of the potential impact that the diversion might have on landfills and, for specified agricultural and forestry-dependent counties, in meeting mandates of this division.

(b) For purposes of this section, "agricultural waste" has the same meaning as in paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section 41781.2.

(c) For purposes of this section, “forest waste” includes forest debris and wood waste from forest wood waste landfills.

(d) To the extent feasible, the board shall secure cooperation and funding for the study from other governmental agencies.

(e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2000, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2000, deletes or extends that date.

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